

HONORING BARBARA ANN ZAJBEL

**HON. STEVE AUSTRIA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 6, 2011*

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District to honor the life and memory of Barbara Ann Zajbel.

As a former Xenia business woman and Xenia Area Chamber of Commerce executive, Barbara Zajbel was known as one of Xenia's most loyal, positive and significant leaders. Those who met or knew Barbara benefited from her uplifting attitude and abundant warmth.

As a dedicated and faithful community servant, Barbara encouraged and motivated others through personal example. Over the years, she spearheaded countless community projects that required hundreds of hours of community service. She would not only organize the projects but would also work with volunteers to perform the necessary tasks in order to make the events successful. Both Barbara and her husband, Tom, are particularly remembered for their 15 years or so of commitment to and involvement with the annual Xenia Old Fashioned Days Festival.

From arriving to Xenia in the late 1970's, Barbara devoted her life to service organizations like Rotary, civic groups and boards, education committees and governmental projects. She served on boards of numerous organizations, such as Greene County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Xenia Educational Endowment Fund, Miami Valley Military Affairs Association, Greene County Economic Development Roundtable, Xenia Downtown Revitalization as well as many other commendable associations. She was also a member of St. Brigid Catholic Church.

One of Barbara's most favorite quotes was "I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do." Barbara exemplified this quote with her love and energy towards Xenia and the many different boards and organizations she served.

After a hard fought battle with cancer, Barbara Zajbel, 67, passed away on March 28, 2011, surrounded by her husband, Tom Zajbel; sons, Jim and Tom Zajbel; and daughter, Tracy Zajbel Palmer. Barbara's life will continue to be an inspiration to all those who loved her and to the community she served so well.

RECOGNIZING THE 2010-2011 CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR 500 HOURS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY—GRANT TOLLETTE

**HON. SAM JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

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Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure and privilege to inform the Members of the United States House of Representatives that the students of the 2010-2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council, CYAC, from the Third District of Texas have

completed a total of 500 community service hours, fulfilling and far-surpassing the requirements of their assigned CYAC in the Community service project.

This year 46 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 10 through 12 made their voices heard by joining CYAC. As the Third District's young ambassadors to Congress, these bright high school students met with me on a quarterly basis to discuss current events and public policy. These impressive young people recognize an important truth: the heart of public service is found when giving back to the community. CYAC students volunteered their time and talents with over 30 organizations including Adopt-A-Highway, Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, Teen Court, and the USO, to name a few. As one student shared, "CYAC in the Community has allowed me to realize my calling to serve those in the U.S. Armed Forces." I am beyond thrilled that CYAC has helped students unleash their full potential and chase their dreams.

President George H.W. Bush once said, "A volunteer is a person who can see what others cannot see; who can feel what most do not feel. Often, such gifted persons do not think of themselves as volunteers, but as citizens—citizens in the fullest sense: partners in civilization."

With this statement as a benchmark, I am proud to congratulate the members of the 2010-2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council for showing themselves to be outstanding young citizens of this nation. It is my privilege to submit summaries of their work to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to be preserved for posterity and antiquity. To these young public servants, thank you, and keep up the great work! I salute you!

A copy of each submitted student summary follows:

I volunteered at Friday Nite Friends (FNF) located at the Custer Road United Methodist Church. Every other Friday, FNF provides nurses and volunteers to offer free childcare for special needs children and their siblings. As a volunteer, I was placed with a group of boy siblings to entertain and interact with for the evenings I volunteered. I would spend the evenings playing board games and watching movies with my group or playing tag or scooter races in the large rec room. By the end of the evenings, both the kids and the volunteers would be exhausted. When the parents came to pick up their families they would look so happy and refreshed. But they were always so happy to see their kids and be reunited with them. In some cases this program provides the only opportunity for many of the moms to have any time away from their families to do chores, run errands or just have a quiet moment for themselves. I have come to realize how important this program is to the special needs community. I feel very blessed for my own family and feel fortunate that I am able to help other families.

—Grant Tollette

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MEMPHIS STATE BASKETBALL PLAYER AND COACH, LARRY FINCH

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and legacy of former Memphis State basketball player and men's basketball coach, Larry Finch. Coach Finch was born on February 16, 1951 in Memphis, Tennessee. He grew up in the historic Orange Mound neighborhood and attended Melrose High School. Unaware of the impact his life and love for basketball would have on the city of Memphis, Larry Finch would help ease race relations during a sharply divided era and go on to lead the Memphis State Tigers to the NCAA Tournament finals then coach the team to its greatest number of wins.

Larry Finch joined the Memphis State Tigers in 1969. During a time of high racial upheaval in Memphis, he along with his teammate, Melrose graduate Ronnie Robinson, helped integrate the Tigers. Although he received much advice on schools to attend, he ultimately chose Memphis State because of his love and pride for his city. It was his love for both basketball and Memphis that united the city like never before. Blacks and whites came together, unconcerned about race, to cheer for the Tigers and for Larry Finch.

During Finch's college career, the Tigers had a 63-21 record and either won or tied for two Missouri Valley Conference championships. In 1972, Larry was the Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year and was named All-America honorable mention by both the Associated Press and UPI. In his senior year, Larry Finch led his team to the 1973 NCAA Tournament championship game against the UCLA Bruins. He scored an impressive 29 points but the Tigers still fell to the Bruins, 87-66. It's reported that when asked why he helped UCLA lead Bill Walton off the court after sustaining an injury to his ankle, he replied with laughter, "Because he was kicking our butt." Bill Walton later noted that it was Larry Finch alone among all players on the court that helped the star when he was in need of assistance.

After helping lead his team to the 1973 finals, Larry's No. 21 jersey was retired. He was the Tiger's all-time leading scorer and currently ranks fourth with 1,869 points. The Tigers had never won an NCAA Tournament game before Larry Finch joined the team.

Larry Finch was drafted by the Los Angeles Lakers after graduating but instead decided to sign with the local American Basketball Association team, the Memphis Tams. From 1975 to 1979, Larry Finch was the assistant coach to his former coach Gene Bartow at the University of Alabama Birmingham and then the assistant coach at Memphis State from 1979 to 1986 before replacing Dana Kirk as head coach.

Larry Finch served as the first African American head coach for the Memphis State Tigers from 1986 to 1997. He was responsible for recruiting and training Memphis greats such as Elliot Perry, Anfernee "Penny" Hardaway, David Vaughn and the late Lorenzen Wright. During his tenure, Coach Finch amassed